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1. SCHLOTFELD (OPEL) IS KNOWN PERSONALLY TO THE
EMBASSY. HE FORMERLY SERVED IN THE INTERNATIONAL RELA-
TIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE GERMAN EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION
(BDA). WE SUGGEST THAT RUDOLF LEIDING, PRESIDENT OF
VOLKSWAGENWERK AS WELL AS DR. HANNS-MARTIN SCHLEYER,
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF DAIMLER BENZ AND PRESIDENT OF
GERMAN EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION, AND DR. ERNST-GERHARD
ERDMANN, INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GERMAN
EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION AND GERMAN EMPLOYER DELEGATE TO
THE ILO, BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF MANAGEMENT REPRE-
SENTATIVES INVITED TO THIS SEMINAR.

2. ON UNION REPRESENTATION, WE SUGGEST THAT INVITA-
TIONS BE ADDRESSED TO HEINZ OSKAR VETTER, PRE-
SIDENT OF THE GERMAN FEDERATION OF LABOR (DGB) AS WELL
AS TO EUGEN LODERER, PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN METALWOR-
KERS UNION AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDE-
RATION (IMF), KARL HAUENSCHILD, PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN
CHEMICAL, PAPER AND CERAMIC WORKERS UNION AND PRESIDENT
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OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHEMICAL WORKERS FEDERATION, AND

HERBERT STADELMAIER, PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN FOOD AND RESTAURANT WORKERS UNION.

3. TO REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT, WE SUGGEST DR. WINFRID HAASE, LABOR MINISTRY, AND HANS MATTHOEFER. STATE SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WHO HAS ALSO BEEN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATE TO UNITED NATIONS' MEETINGS ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MINISTER OF FINANCE HELMUT SCHMIDT IS ALSO PLANNING AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MULTINATIONALS IN THE FALL OF 1974 AND THAT THE AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE IRVING BROWN HAS HELD PRELIMINARY TALKS WITH THE DGB AND THE FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION ON THE QUESTION OF A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

5. THE ABOVE SUGGESTED PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE PRIORITY ONE IN TERMS OF GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THIS SEMINAR IN VIEW OF THEIR ROLES IN DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN GERMANY.
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